



**RCA
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 13
AGENDA DATE: Thu 03/10/2005
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SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance amending Section 12-1-21 of the City Code relating to buses entering or exiting a bus stop across a bike lane.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Public Works
DEPARTMENT:

**DIRECTOR'S
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Section 12-1-21 of the City Code allows ingress and egress across bike lanes in order to enter or leave a driveway, building, alley, or parking space. This proposed amendment would also allow buses to cross bike lanes in order to enter and exit bus stops.

In order to safely board and discharge passengers from a bus, the vehicle must be allowed to pull to the curb. Allowing a bus to discharge passengers to the sidewalk area eliminates accessibility issues caused by the curb next to the sidewalk. Allowing pedestrians to exit the bus onto the sidewalk keeps a pedestrian from stepping into the path of an oncoming bicycle, which would put both the bicyclist and pedestrian at risk for injury. This amendment will modify the City Code to explicitly allow a bus to pull into a bike lane in order to board and discharge passengers to the curb.

